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MORE NEW SCHOOLS FOR LAWNDALE!

ARCHITECT'S RENDERING OF SCHOOL AT 18TH AND SPRINGFIELD.

ARTIST'S RENDERING OF SCHOOL AT 21ST AND DRAKE.

Relief for overcrowded Lawndale Schools was promised recently in an announcement by the Chicago Board of Education. Approved for construction were two new schools, each costing $1,060,000 and containing 29 classrooms.

Plans call for a school at 21st and Drake Ave. and another at 13th and Springfield. Each school will have accommodations for approximately 1,250 children with 29 classrooms and three kindergartens. Provisions for necessary future extension, installation of TV and public address systems are included in the plans.

Announcement of plans to build a third school at Arthington and Karlov was made at the same time. Plans are tentative but opening of a new school in that section of the Lawndale community will help relieve overcrowding in the Gregory School area.

In addition to approving the school plans, the Board authorized the establishment of a social center at Herzl School, 3711 W. Douglas Boulevard.

GLCC has urged more adequate schools in Lawndale at every public hearing of the Board of Education since 1956. The Commission has sometimes opposed the specific location chosen for a school.

At the last hearing the Commission recommended the use of church and synagogue facilities, bus transportation to schools having empty classrooms, and redistricting as other possibilities that could relieve overcrowded conditions. These requests were made last December by C. J. Peck, Jr., GLCC President.

GROUP PLANS CANCER DRIVE IN APRIL

With the American Cancer Society's fund-raising drive set to begin in April, members of the Steering Committee for the Southwest Section met recently in the home of Mrs. Juliette Buford, Director of GLCC Community Services, to select area chairmen. Lawndale leaders and guests seated left to right are Mrs. Juliette Buford; Mrs. Fannie Carter, Mrs. Celeste White, president of the Northern District Women's Club; Mrs. Joseph Georgick, assistant director of the Southwest Section; Mrs. Daisy Grisham and Mrs. Mildred Berman, GLCC Community Organizer. Standing left to right are Mrs. Carene Ramsey, Mrs. Wilhelmine Plunkett, Mrs. Ruth Watson, Mrs. Martha Mawhinney, director of the Southwest Section, Mrs. Robert Friedman, Mrs. Abe Kaprall, and Mrs. Minnie Madison. Goal for the North Lawndale area is $800.

FINANCING SELF-HELP PROGRAMS ACC TOPIC

Following through with a series of programs on "building better communities", the Association of Community Councils planned its open delegates meeting for February 24 at 123 W. Madison St. to discuss "Problems of Financing Local Self-Help Neighborhood Conservation Programs." Invited as guest panelists were Jack Meltzer, Donald Jordon, Raymond Graham and Ashly Smith. Julio Vivas, executive director of the Greater Lawndale Conservation Commission, will chair the meeting.

As keynote speaker, Jack Meltzer, of Jack Meltzer Associates, planning consultants will define community self help programs to distinguish them from federal urban renewal programs. Financing local community programs and code enforcement will be examined as part of the whole neighborhood "self help programs".

Donald Jordon, assistant director of Chicago's FHA program will lead the discussion on the vital question: Why has federal financing seemed generally impractical in Chicago?

Raymond J. Graham, vice president and loan officer of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, will outline conditions that must be met to secure favorable long-term loans. A member of the Chicago Bar Association and a director of the Chicago Mortgage Bankers Association, Mr. Graham is directly involved in day to day experiences with many groups in home financing and building.

Ashly Smith, past president of Park Manor Neighbors, will pinpoint the relationship between code enforcement and financing and he will explain the crucial role of occupancy standard provisions of the housing code.

The series of discussions is held periodically to acquaint member organizations with community problems.

LAWSON SCHOOL SPONSORS TB PROGRAM

Tuberculin tests for Lawson grade school students will begin on March 1, 1960, according to Francis T. Boylan, principal.

Tests will be read on March 3 for all children tested. Children must be present for the reading. The program is sponsored jointly by the TB Institute of Chicago and Cook County and the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitorium and the Chicago Board of Education.

For more information call Lawson School, RO 2-5630 or CA 6-5190.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 26 - Fund Raising Luncheon, Sears, Roebuck and Co. Executive Grill, 12 Noon.

February 28 - Friendly Neighbors Club of GLCC, 3:30 p.m., Sears YMCA.

February 29 - GLCC Fund Raising Report Luncheon, 12 Noon, Sears YMCA.

March 14 - GLCC Fund Raising Report Luncheon, 12 Noon, Sears YMCA.

March 22 - Board of Directors Meeting, 12:15, George Williams Room, Sears YMCA.

March 28 - GLCC Fund Raising Report Luncheon, 12 Noon, Sears YMCA.

SO YOU'RE BUYING A HOME
By Mark J. Satter

How much can you afford to pay for a home? Let us start with one week's wages as a basis to consider the size of your payments.

Let us assume the wage earner takes home $100 a week. A week's income should always be considered as a fair amount to spend each month for shelter, whether one buys or rents a home. If he buys, this wage earner must assume that he can pay no more than $100 each month. He may earn more or less -- but let us use that figure as a working basis.

This means, in effect, that if he buys a building with three apartments, he cannot afford any building in which the expenses are more than $300 per month. If you remember this, it is easy to calculate what his maximum total expenses should be.

Almost every item of expense stays the same from month to month. Except for "housekeeping" items the wage earner can look ahead from year to year and know what costs he will face. Every month he has staple expenses, such as coal bills, tax deposit sums, water, janitorial help, electricity, insurance, and a regular amount of repairs, which are required.

Let us assume that these costs come to about $160 per month. You may be sure that these costs will continue for as long as you own the building. These costs will not get less as the years go on.

This means then that if he fully meets his expenses as owner, within the bounds he has set, he must not undertake any mortgage payments of more than $140 a month. This amount includes interest and principal and will be an expense to carry almost all the years that he owns the building. If the building has only two apartments, the mortgage payments should be no more than two-thirds of that amount, or $94 each month. Any amount greater than this means a burden greater than any wage earner should expect to carry. It is this fact that must be considered carefully if the owner is not to burden himself helplessly with debts.

If he contracts to pay more than the amount he can reasonably afford he will inevitably contribute to the decline of the neighborhood and he will cause his own personal financial ruin.

GLCC CONSUMER EDUCATION PROGRAM TO FEATURE POINTS ON CREDIT BUYING

VERNON B. WILLIAMS

The timely and important subject of credit buying will be discussed by several prominent people at 6 p.m. Sunday evening, March 13, at the Lawndale Interracial Missionary Baptist Church, 1227 S. Independence Blvd. The meeting is being sponsored by the GLCC Ladies' Auxiliary.

Four outstanding business and professional leaders will discuss "The Evils of Excessive and Indiscriminate Credit Buying". Vernon B. Williams, Secretary of the Illinois Council of Deliberation, a member of the Community Fund and the World Federation of Churches, will moderate. This meeting is part of the Council's Consumer Education Program.

MARK J. SATTER

Among the panelists are Cornelius Lott, Director of Public Relations, Southside Bank and Trust Co. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Lott is on the board of the Washington Park YMCA and is an active worker in the Masonic Order.

Charles Thompson, President of the Thompson Pharmaceutical Supply Co., 4729 S. State St., is the founder of the long-established Peoples' Credit Union. He is also a world traveler and lecturer.

MRS. RUTH WATSON

Mark J. Satter, attorney and writer for the Defender, has been a forerunner in the battle for decent housing for Negroes. He and Henry G. Fort, real estate broker, will complete the panel of four. Mr. Ford is a board member of the Chicago Urban League and is also active in the Masonic Order.

Program Chairman is Mrs. Ruth Watson, a vice president of the GLCC Ladies' Auxiliary.

BRIEFS

World-famous American poet Langston Hughes was guest speaker at the second annual Negro History Week program of the Lawndale Civic and Educational Club on February 7. The club also recently awarded a $500 four-year scholarship to Carolyn Hirsch. . . . The almost lost fine art of quilting will get attention from the 1500 Christiana Block Improvement Club. The club plans to make it and raffle it at their March 17 meeting. Proceeds will be used for block improvements. . . . Look ahead to Mental Health Week, May 1-7. More information will be available in later News Notes. . . . Lawndale libraries are offering outstanding programs -- films, classes, story hours. You can improve your English every Monday and Wednesday from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. -- you can also send your child to story hour Saturday at 10:30 a.m. These programs are at the Douglas Branch Library, 3353 West 13 Place. Legler Library, 115 S. Pulaski, offered films on famous artists February 19.

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BRIEFS (Continued)

GLCC's deep sympathy is extended to St. Anthony de Padua Hospital on the death of Sister Maristella, OSF, the director.

. . . Ernest McHoon, 1443 S. Homan, has just received an appointment to West Point. Congratulations! Leon Kelly, another Lawndaler, has just won a four-year medical scholarship to the University of Illinois. Congratulations also to Daisy Calhoun, 1611 S. Homan Ave., who was awarded a four-year scholarship to the University of Illinois in the field of physical education. . . . The question of a trade school located at 16th and Sawyer will soon be considered by Sidney Deutsch, 24th Ward Democratic Committeeman, and Alderman Ben Lewis when R. Sargent Shriver, president of the Board of Education, returns to Chicago. . . . The Douglas Home Owners Association announces the election of officers for 1960. D. A. Bennett was re-elected president for the tenth time! Other officers include Robert Presta, Gertrude Kuzdal, Cecelia Konkolewski, Josephine Joems, Leon Konopka, Sidney Hannessey, and Frank Greschuk. President Bennett invites "all civic-minded people living in the area to join them." The organization is located in the southeastern part of Lawndale. . . . Arnold Methodist Church, 1330 S. Fairfield, invites all children and adults in the Triangle Neighbors area to its services and Sunday School program. Over 125 small gifts were given away at Christmas, reports J. Brown, pastor. . . . The new publicity chairman for the Trumbull Ave. Improvement Club is Mrs. Eva Copeland. . . . Sears Y's annual meeting on January 2 featured C. J. Peck, Jr., GLCC president, as guest speaker. Copies of his talk "Lawndale on the Move for Youth", are available at the "Y" or GLCC's office. Secretary Rebe Nicks, of the 1200-1300 Block California Block Club announced their club's first anniversary and election of officers. . . . The 1200 Kildare Block Club extends its thanks to all who helped to win the block award in the Holiday Lighting Contest. . . . Two Marshall High students, Alvin Baker and Roberta Medlock, served as panelists to discuss Lawndale Youth at a program recently held at Hess School. The Illinois Bell Telephone Chorus will be the attraction at the February 25 benefit at the Lawndale Presbyterian Church, 1908 S. Millard. Pastor James Cannon invites all to attend.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: -

C. J. PECK, JR.

Sometimes we do not give proper recognition to the right arm of the Commission, that is the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and I wish to do so now. Resident support is needed for any project that the Commission might undertake. Their interested participation gives meaning to the work and accomplishments of the Commission in its fight to make Lawndale a better place to live and work. So I would like to pay tribute to the Ladies' Auxiliary, who have for the past three years devoted their efforts to making GLCC's program meaningful to the residents. They have solicited in 1959 and 1960 800 paid members and are determined to get 1000.

The Auxiliary also has held an annual "Salute To Youth" program which gives recognition to Lawndale's outstanding youth and sets an example for others to follow. The Auxiliary stresses community cooperation through its annual Holiday Lighting Contest and its participation in the neighborhood clean-up contests.

So let me give special praise to Mrs. Mahala Evans, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and Mrs. Ruth Wilson, former president, under whom the Auxiliary began its work. Our thanks go to Mrs. Georgia Day, the 1960 Membership Chairman, as well as to the whole membership of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Tribute should go also to the leaders of the Volunteer Service youth group sponsored by Mrs. Levi Nelson, Mrs. Dorothy Burns and Mrs. Maude Kelly. On the block club level there is Mrs. Belle Whaley, Secretary of the GLCC Block Club Steering Committee, who is busily organizing GLCC's block organizations. For new organizations, a word of appreciation to the Friendly Neighbors Club, who within a short time have reached one-third of their 100-member goal. There are countless other people in Lawndale who are working quietly and effectively to improve our community.

I express my heartfelt thanks to all those who are doing an essential job of community conservation.

C. J. Peck, Jr., President

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